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Fiscal Note On: **HB 315** HLS 22RS 775

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Blind and Visually Impaired Student's Bill of Rights		

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EG NO IMPACT See Note
Provides for the Blind and Visually Impaired Student's Bill of Rights

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Proposed legislation converts the aspirations of current law to a series of directives to public schools. Requires public schools and all publicly funded early intervention programs to provide specified services and opportunities to children who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind. These include: appropriate screening and assessment, individualized and appropriate skills education, access to qualified teachers and appropriate learning materials, information on placement options, parental involvement in developing an Individualized Education Program, full access to all programs in their educational setting as well as full support services by qualified professionals, and access to comprehensive academics, opportunities, and activities to meet and associate with their peers. Where possible, schools shall have deaf and hard of hearing adults directly involved in determining the extent, content and purpose of all programs affecting the education of these children. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) shall work with the districts to ensure technical assistance is available.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated impact to expenditures of local school boards or publicly funded early intervention programs to meet the mandates of providing the services and access for blind and visually impaired children required in the proposed legislation. Federal law (IDEA) prescribes the DOE and local school systems' responsibilities for students aged three through 21. For children aged birth to three, IDEA requirements are met by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) through federally funded programs such as Early Steps. Children aged four and older are served by district schools. Head Start and Early Head Start are early intervention programs funded primarily with federal funds which provide initial screening and recommendations for children with disabilities and provide intervention services either directly or through other service providers; all entities are already engaged in these activities.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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